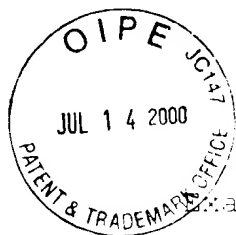


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Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action dated January 10, 2000. With the extension, a response is due on or before July 10, 2000. A check in the amount of \$870.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of

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same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this
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Bar of the District of
Columbia, D.C. 20001 on

July 7, 2000
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